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THE SITUATION OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN HAITI

Letter dated 22 January 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text in English and French of a statement on the situation in Haiti issued by the European Community and its member States on 21 January 1993.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 22.

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ANNEX

Statement on the situation in Haiti issued by the European Community and its member States on 21 January 1993

The Community and its member States have consistently reaffirmed their commitment to the restoration of the democratic and constitutional Government in Haiti, as well as their will to support all efforts conducive to a settlement of the Haitian crisis.

They, therefore, welcome the efforts by the Organization of American States and the United Nations to bring about the restoration of democracy in Haiti, and they urge all parties concerned to work towards this end.

The elections held on 18 January, as well as those planned for 25 January, do not constitute free and fair elections since the necessary preconditions, notably freedom of expression and assembly and the right to an open political dialogue, do not exist in Haiti.

For these reasons, the Community and its member States do not consider these elections to be a valid expression of the democratic will.